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My dear Dr. Goucher

Please find enclosed the three documents of the brief biographical sketches of three Japanese deputations whom I selected and appointed to attend the Centennial Celebration at Columbus, Ohio. They are making hurry to start for America. Instead of sending these by mail to you, I ask Bro. Ukai to take them with him, as he goes first by starting Yokohama to-morrow afternoon by "S.S. Chicago" of O.S.K. via Seattle, Wash. where she expects to arrive on May 22nd if all is well. and then straight to Columbus through Chicago. Bros. Kuginiya and Ano will start Yokohama on May 20th by "S.S. Suwa Maru" of N.Y.K. via Seattle, Wash. where she expects to arrive on June 2nd, if all is well. and then straight on to Columbus through Chicago. I regret I could not get any layman whom I would send, to go, as all are busy.

Sincerely yours
K. Hiraiwa.

The Rev. Takeshi Ukai. M. A.

He was born (in Samurai family) on 13th of December, 1865. in the town of ~~Iwatsuye~~, Shimane Province, Japan. Taught the primary school in his native town, after being graduated from the public school and the Academy in the same town in 1879. Came to Tokyo, the capital of the Empire, in 1884, and while he was in Tokyo, studying English language, he was converted to Christianity and was received into the Methodist Church, being baptized. In 1885, went to the United States of America with the purpose of furthering his study, and entered the Lincoln Grammar School in San Francisco in September of 1886. Then, proceeded to the preparatory department of Simpson University in Indianola, Iowa, in September of 1889, where he was graduated in a year with a good record, getting a prize of twenty-five dollars, and entred the University proper in the same year as graduated. After four years in the University, he was graduated with honor in 1894, getting the degree of Master of Arts. In the same year, having passed the examination in the course of study and on his character, he was ordained an Elder and joined Nemoen Conference. Returned to

Japan in July of 1895 after ten years in America, and was transfered to Japan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Served as the pastor of the first Ch. E. Church in Aoyama, Tokyo, and also as the pastor of Kamakura Ch. E. Church, but longest as the pastor of Ginza Methodist Church, first from 1896 to 1907 before the union of three Methodist bodies, Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Church of Canada and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1907, and, second from 1910 to 1919, where he is holding the position till the present after the union. From 1908 to 1910, he was the general secretary of the National Sunday School Association of Japan with a great success. While he was the pastor of Ginza Methodist Church in Tokyo, he visited America twice, once in 1903 and again in 1914 and also visited Switzerland in 1913, attending the 7th Convention of the World Sunday School Association at Zurich, where he became a member of the executive committee of that body. ⊗ He is also a great temperance worker in Japan. This time he has been appointed by Bishop Hiraiwa one of three Japanese deputations to attend the Methodist Centennial Celebration at Col. Ohio.

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Ginza Methodist church is one of the three largest, self-supporting Methodist Churches in the city of Tokyo, where there are fourteen Methodist churches, of which ten are self-supporting entirely. And, it is also the finest of the three built of stone with a spire; he built the church himself with the money he collected in America and in Japan. It has the seating capacity of about eight hundred. He is a good pastor, beloved by his people and the brethren. He was elected the delagate to the General Conference twice before and this time again to the 4th General Conference in coming October.

The Rev. Jentaro Ano. B. D.

August 5th, 1875,

He was born in Samurai family in the city of Kippon-matsu in Northern Japan. After having finished the public school education at the native place, he came to the city of Nagano in Shinshiu province, Middle Japan, where he was acquainted with Rev. J. G. Dunlop a Canadian Missionary, by whom he was taught in English language and the Bible, and was converted to Christianity and baptized by Bishop Hiraiwa on December 4th 1891. Came to Tokyo in 1892 and entered the Oriental Anglo-Japanese College (Canadian Mission School) in which he finished the Academic course of study with superior record in June of 1894. Sent to preach in Niigata city for a year from 1895 to 1896 when received as a probationer for ministry. Returned to the Oriental Anglo-Japanese College in 1896 to study the theological Course from which was graduated with a great honor in May of 1899. While in the college, he was appointed the dormetory monitor. Worked as the assistant pastor in the Central Tabernacle, Hongo, Tokyo, a Canadian Methodist Church for three years from 1899 to 1902, and was ordained as Elder in 1901, being received

into Japan Conference of Canadian Methodist Church. Went to Kofu, Yamanashi province, where he was a principal of English Language School for a year and led a great many young men to Christ there, and then became the pastor of Kusakabe Methodist Church from 1903 to 1907 when that church became very strong and self-supporting under his ministry. After the Union in 1907, he left the church for Canada where he served as the pastor of Japanese Methodist Church in Van Couver city, B. C. for a year and at the same time he studied Greek and German languages in a college there. Went to Toronto, Ont. and studied in the Toronto University and Victoria College from September of 1908 to April of 1910 when he was graduated getting the degree of B. D. Having left Canada in May of 1910, he visited the United States, England, Scottland, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Egypt, Palestine, India, and China and returned to Japan in the latter part of the same year, when he was appointed the pastor of Kusakabe Methodist Church for the following two years. Then, was elected and appointed the Chaplain of Kwansei Gakuin in 1913, where he is making a great success. Very enthusiastic worker, beloved by the people, has a great influence over young people.

The Rev. Toki-o Kuginiya B.A.

Samurai family,

He was born in March 13th, 1872. in the city of Oita in Southern Japan, and received the education of the public school and the Academy in his native city. While he was in Academy, he met with Dr. Lambuth now Bishop Lambuth of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the city of Oita by whose instrumentality he was converted and baptized into the Church in the year of 1888.

decided to dedicate himself to the work of ministry in February of 1891, and was preaching in Oita M. E. church South, for two years under charge of Rev. W. A. Wilson, a missionary of Southern Methodist Church, this is the beginning of his ministerial career. But, he entered the theological seminary of Kwansei Gakuin, Kobe, in September of next year from which was graduated in April of 1897, ordained as a deacon in September of 1899. In these two years, he was working as the pastor of Hiroshima M. E. Church. In 1900, went to America for study, and entered the Trinity College, N. C. in the month of October of the same year, from where he was graduated in June of 1903 getting the degree of B.A. and returned to Japan

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in September, when he was appointed the pastor of Hiroshima M. E. Church, again, and remained so till 1912 or for nine years there. In these nine years, he was ordained the Elder in 1904, was appointed the Superintendent of Hiroshima District in 1908 and he made the Hiroshima Church strong and self-supporting. In 1912, became the pastor of Osaka West M. E. Church in the city of Osaka; appointed the Superintendent of Kinki District in 1915 while remained as the pastor of Osaka West M. E. Church which double positions he keeps to the present day with a great success in so much as the Osaka West M. E. Church has become strong and self-supported in 1919 under his ministry. He is very warm, energetic and spiritual worker and is much beloved by his people and fellow workers. Elected as a delegate to the General Conference three times before, and was elected this time again to the 4th General Conference in coming October. And also was appointed by Bishop Hiraiwa one of three Japanese deputations to attend the Centennial Celebration at Columbus, Ohio.